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LACHRYMÆ ELEGIACÆ,

SIVE

QUERELÆ EPISTOLARES.

EPISTOLA PRIMA
Ad PONTICUM FLACCUM.

LENIA ut accepi blandæ ſolamina chartæ,
Continuò lachrymis eſt mora, *Flacce*, meis.
Explicuit frontem ratio, ſuſpiria ſenſim
Alta laborantes deſeruere ſinus.
At quoties *Catharinæ* et dulce et amabile nomen
Me miſerum! ah quoties lumina mæſta legunt,
In fletus iterum percuſſo pectore ſolvor,
Pallidulaſque rigat lachryma ſueta genas.

BRITISH MUSEUM

Occurrit *Catharinæ* et cara et dulcis imago,
Paci animæ noſtræ, væ mihi! cara nimis;
Occurrunt veneres et pulchræ gratia formæ,
Quique erat in læto plurimus ore decor.
Occurrunt animi dotes mihi, amorque, fideſque,
Quicquid et in fidâ conjuge dulce fuit.
His mihi direptis, quorſum ſolatia tendunt
Quæ mihi miſiſti lenia, *Flacce*, tua?
Temporis ah! celeres quis ſcit remorarier alas?
Præteritos iterum quis revocare dies?
Quis te de gelido, *Catharina*, ciere ſepulchro?
Quis dare in amplexus brachia ſueta meos?
Nil lætum, nil jam optandum, vel amabile reſtat:
Deliciæ vitæ deperiêre meæ.
Quo jacet in tumulo *Catharinæ* flebile corpus
Gaudia me miſerum! cuncta ſepulta jacent.

Jam mihi vitam ægram noctesque diesque trahenti
Est reliquum, præter flere, dolere, nihil.
Quo me cunque feram nil est non triste videndum;
Nil unquam, nisi cum morte resolvar, erit.
Sæpè graves potu conor depellere curas,
Dum molli abluitur ferior hora mero.
Ast hilares inter dum funditur uva sodales,
Non mihi potanti me fugitare licet.
Sæpè hortos æger vernos agrosque peterro;
Sæpè peto fontes prætereuntis aquæ.
At curis agri et fontes alimenta ministrant,
Ægramque in mentem gaudia prisca ruunt.
Sæpiùs hic tecum, *Catharina*, errare solebam,
Dum manui fidæ fida revincta manus.
Sæpè sub hac olim fessi requievimus umbrâ,
Dum blando amplexu colla tenenda dabas.

Sæpius

Sæpius has præter taciti conſedimus undas,
Lætitiâ trepidi dum micuere ſinus.
Præterita infelix cur autem gaudia narro,
Quæ mentem exagitant non reditura meam?
Quid prodeſt tecum, *Catharina*, fuiſſe beatum,
Tu me ſi, dempto fine, carenda fugis?
Nos temerè pravas effundimus ore querelas,
Immemores animas prævaluiſſe neci.
In cælis caſtos fidoſque beabit amantes
Purior, æthereus, non ſoluendus amor.
Caſtior amplexu quà te, *Catharina*, tenebo,
Et quà terrenâ te ſine labe fruar.
Spem lætam rerum meliorum hæc paſcet imago,
Hæc fallet longos ſpes pretioſa dies.
O utinam tacitè cæco, dulciſſima conjux,
Oſſa forent tumulo condita noſtra tuis.

Quid

Quid precor infanus? quò cura paterna receſſit?
Arguor immani crimine velle mori.
Infantum teneros heu! quis cuſtodiet annos?
Quis leni imperio mollia fræna reget?
Quo duce per vitæ fluctus, quo remige tendent?
Quis curæ tumidas navita franget aquas?
Quis teneros mores præceptis finget honeſtis?
Unde pia anxietas, unde paternus amor?
Heu! patris exemplo quis triſtia ferre docebit?
Quis tolerare *DEI* verbera, nolle queri?
Vobis, progenies mihi percariſſima, vivam,
Et vivam, et miſeræ lucis avarus ero.
Vos, animæ dulces, dilectæ pignora matris,
Æthereâ felix quæ micat arce Dea,
Vivite, et amplexu patrios lenite dolores,
Fallite et innocuâ garrulitate dies.

Tempus erit, quod divini cecinere prophetæ,
Cum nova erit cœli machina, terra nova:
Terra ubi felices campos nova veſtiet herba,
Et tremet arboreis purior aura comis.
Purpureo nitidi ridebunt lumine cœli,
Sol ubi perpetuus, perpetuuſque decor.
Sponte ſuâ natus flos undique creſcet odorum
Dives, qui lætos prodigus ornet agros.
Dulcius ore melos Philomela poetica mittet:
Lenior inſolito murmure ſerpet aqua.
Ceſſabunt iræ bellique inſana cupido,
Cordaque conſtringet mutua fidus amor.
Purpureos flores jucundum et amabile ridens
Queis caput exornet jam *Catharina* parat.
Jam mihi, queis iterum læti coeamus amantes,
Divinâ umbroſas inſtruit arte domos:

Myrtus

Myrtus ubi, violæque, et copia ruris honorum;
Quàque rosa in campis non peritura rubet.
Hìc bis quingentos lætis regnabitur annos,
Dum tandem æthereâ collocet arce *DEUS*.
Sæpius hac ægram consolor imagine mentem,
Dum revocat priscos improba cura dies.
Nec tu, mi *Flacce*, hæc ut inania somnia ride,
Fient, præsagi mens mea si quid habet.
Quicquid erit, mihi ne dematur amabilis error,
Da misero insanâ simplicitate frui.
Cur autem sic crediderim me candidus audi,
Narro non dubiâ dum tibi vera fide.
Hesternâ cum nocte quies laxaverat artus,
Victaque jam tandem cura sopore fuit,
In somnis visa est *Catharina* adstare jacenti,
Et petere amplexus hospes amica meos.

Lumina

Lumina divino radiabant pulchra decore,
Multaque per lætas gratia fusa genas.
Candidus ante pedes lentè defluxit amictus;
Nudabat castos zona recincta sinus
Deliciis tumidos, et marmore candidiores,
Marmore diffusâ candidiore nive.
Dulce tuens, dextramque premens, dulcissime rerum,
En, tua cara, inquit, te *Catharina* petit.
Sedibus huc miserans tibi de cœlestibus adsum;
En nostros vultus, quæ tua semper eram.
Conjugis insanos adsum lenire dolores,
Namque etiam in cœlis est mihi cura tui:
Est mihi cura tui, tibi sit quoque cura tuorum,
Nec tere perpetuos flendo dolendo dies,
Et gemitus, lacrymasque, et inanes comprime questus;
Tempus, crede, iterum quo coeamus, adest.

Interea

Intereà natis, quos pignora cara reliqui,
Quem mihi præſtiteras, optime, detur amor.
Nil unquam fruſtrà tua te *Catharina* rogavit:
Cùm dare tu poteris, ſunt mihi vota rata.
Utque adſint miſeris ſolatia dulcia rebus,
Fac animo condas hæc mea dicta tuo.
Te mecum nova terra manet, feliciaque arva,
Arva ubi deliciis luxuriabit amor.
Hic iterum felix felicem amplexa maritum
Comprimet ad fidos te tua ſponſa ſinus.
Neſcia curarum, vitæque oblita malorum,
Carpent lætitias mutua corda novas.
Sol ubi perpetuus puro radiantior auro,
Lætos diffuſo lumine pinget agros.
Hic avium cantus, hic dulcis amantibus umbra,
Quam nulla inviſo frigore lædet hyems.

Te mihi, meque tibi divina æternaque jungent
Gaudia, quæ meruit non temerata fides.
Cura tui intereà a cœlo mihi credita, cuſtos
Ut tua ſim viſum eſt fida volenſque DEO.
Sive equiti errandum, pediti, nautæve per undas,
Crede mihi tutum, me duce, carpis iter.
Me ſociâ in thalamis, tibi me invigilante, quieſcis,
Cum ponis viduo languida membra toro.
Oſcula delibans juxta levis advolo, campos
Dum teris illachrymans, non tibi viſa comes.
Jamque vale: cordi memor hæc mea dicta reconde,
Tempus, crede, iterum quo coeamus adeſt.
Dixit et in tenues evanuit ocius auras,
Aſt ego cum lachrymis, umbra adamata, mane.
Corde imo lætus verba hæc ſuaviſſima condam,
Tempus, crede, iterum quo coeamus adeſt.

Ocius

Ocius ite dies, celeris tibi ſit fuga, tempus:
Quæ mora? me conjux, me *Catharina* vocat.
Ne nimis at te laſſet epiſtola longa legentem,
Deſino jam querulos, optime *Flacce*, modos.
Tu modo fac miſerum viſas celer hoſpes amicum:
Te mecum, totus non miſer eſſe queo.
Cætera, te cum mox fruar hoſpite, *Flacce*, loquemur:
Reſtat jam dicat littera, vive, vale.

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QUERELÆ EPISTOLARES.

EPISTOLA SECUNDA

Ad IULUM CÆCILIANUM.

QUA nequit ipſe frui, tibi mittit amice ſalutem
Heu miſer *Albinus*, *Cæciliane*, tuus.
Nec mens ſana mihi, firmum nec corpus ut olim:
Albini reſtat pars tibi ſola tui.
Vix equidem reſtat quod me tibi monſtret eundem,
Nam ſocios inter diſſimulandus eo.
Vivida vis animi, riſus fugere jocique,
Quæque fuit læto plurima in ore ſalus.

Gratia

Gratia depereunt jucundæ floſque juventæ,
Languidulum corpus, pallidulæque genæ.
Alter eram fauſtis olim et melioribus annis,
Dicere cum licuit te, *Catharina*, meam.
Corporis atque animi mihi tum vigor æquus, Aprili
Lætius innubi pectus amantis erat.
Te præter nihil optavi, te præter amatam
Addideram votis nil, *Catharina*, meis.
Tu mihi lætus honos, et tu mihi dulce lucellum,
Tu quicquid totus continet orbis eras.
Cum vultus, caroſque oculos, adamataque membra
Hærebam intuitus plenus amore tui;
Brachia cum collo tu non invita dediſti,
Cumque genæ impreſſis concaluere genis,
Non rex me vitâ aut regis præcurrit amicus,
Nec niſi felicem viderat ulla dies.

Cum deformis hyems borealibus excita campis
Expulit autumnum frigidiore vice,
Attulit et ſecum ventos, glaciemque, geluque,
Et quicquid gelido triſte ferumque ſinu;
Nos læto hybernas ſermone fefellimus horas,
Dum bibit alternos auris utrinque ſonos.
Quam ſponſæ jucunda fluebat ab ore loquela,
In vultus acies dum mea fixa ſuos!
Oſcula cum vicibus lætis non dura darentur,
Cumque ſinu molli ritè recline caput,
Ne ſpatium noctiſque moras ſentire queamus,
Qui calet amborum pectore, præſtat amor.
Perſuaſit placidum cum nox provecta ſoporem,
Et ſera jam feſſas preſſerat arcta fores,
Omnipotens cœli numen de more precati,
Fovimus in caſto mutua membra toro.

Quo venti fremuere magis, magis hæſerat ulnis,
Et collo effudit brachia ſponſa meo.
Dum talis, dixi, portus, cariſſima detur,
Infuſus tepido membra beata ſinu,
Inſurgant venti tempeſtateſque ſonoræ,
Diraque turbatum concitet æquor hyems.
Cum ver jam rediit, cum jam mitiſſimus annus,
Et *Maia* ornatum protulit alma caput,
Sponſa meos comitata gradus per florea rura
(O quot deliciis conſcia rura meis!)
Purpureâ auroră, vel ſolis pulchrior ortu,
Quotidie placidum læta ferebat iter.
Vos, tacitæ ſylvæ, vos, conſcia flumina, teſtor,
Ad quorum vitreas ſæpè reſedit aquas,
Se nemore umbroſo, viridis ſe margine ripæ
Naiada ceu viſam, ruricolamve deam.

Tu

Tu noſtrûm teſtis, philomela fidelis, amorum,
Cui tacita eſt cordi ſylva, ſacrumque nemus.
Vocibus ah! quoties *Catharinæ* attenta canoris,
Preſſiſti incæptum vere tepente melos!
Ah! quoties minimo dixerunt murmure nymphæ,
Ut veſpertino præteriêre gradu,
Quam felix ſponſâ conjux, et conjuge ſponſa!
Hic O! hic verè eſt connubialis amor!
At mihi jam miſero fugit irrevocanda voluptas,
Truditur atque dies luridiore die.
Nunc me captivus, nunc me felicior exul,
Ignoto externas qui ſtupet orbe plagas:
Ipſe licet patriam infelix ſuſpiret, et optet
Nequicquam reducem quæ ferat inde ratem.
Nunc quocunque libet miſero prorepere ſolus,
Quem fugiſſe velim, ſum comes ipſe mihi.

Quæcunque

Quæcunque occurrunt oculis mihi cauſa dolendi,
Et quod ſum memorant, hei mihi! quodque fui.
Ah! quoties nymphæ juvenem dare brachia collo
Cernimus, in vernis ut ſpatiantur agris,
Protinus ex imo ſuſpiria corde petuntur,
Et madidum ex oculis lachryma cogit iter.
O felix, inquam, juvenis, comitante puellâ!
Ægrotanti animo dum *Catharina* ſubit.
Nunc fruſtrà effundit vernos mihi campus honores,
Nequicquam lenis dulce ſuſurrat aqua:
Nequicquam læto veſtitur lumine cælum,
Nequicquam in ſylvis dulce queruntur aves.
Non eſt cui aſſideam, non eſt quam floribus ornem,
Non eſt quæ tacitam fallat amore viam.
Nequicquam illecebris præſtanti corpore nympha
Provocat, et veneres exhibet ore ſuas.

Jamdudum eſt extinctus amor, ſopitaque flamma;
Quæ nobis potuit ſola placere fugit.
Nympharum cætus, irritamenta doloris,
Quæ revocant animo gaudia priſca meo,
Quà licet effugio: vos condonate puellæ,
Cui miſerandus amor cauſa ſit una fugæ.
Te quondam nymphas inter non ſegnior ibam,
Nec minor in Paphio, *Cæciliane*, choro.
Tum mea mordaci luctu non læſa juventa eſt,
Nec novi quid ſit ferre dolentis onus.
Defleo cum noſtros autem importunus amores,
Lætari eſt æquum, dulcis amice, tuis.
Nuncius ad noſtras pergratum pertulit aures,
Te nuper ſacri jura iniiſſe tori.
Ergone tandem avidis premitur tua *Stella* lacertis,
Et datur in niveo luxuriare ſinu!

O demum

O demum felix, O terque quaterque beate,
Cui nova largitur gaudia dulcis Hymen!
Sic O! sic multos numeres feliciter annos,
Creſcentique ævo creſcat avarus amor.
Cum ruis in tepidas adamatæ uxorius ulnas,
Candidaque infuſus colla ſinumque premis,
Cumque genas avido depaſcis amore calentes,
Ah! memor *Albini* commiſereſce tui.
Commiſereſce mei, gelido cui frigida lecto,
Direptâ miſero conjuge, membra jacent.
Sic olim, dicas, *Catharinam Albinus* amavit,
Suſpirat viduo nunc miſer ille toro.
Te, dulcis conjux, nimis heu! ſecurus amavi,
Immemor inſtantis falce rigente necis.
Ah! minimè rebar, cum te, mea ſola voluptas,
Comprimerem in caſto comprimererque toro,

Quod

Quod tute in gelido, conjux adamata, ſepulchro
Tam cito ſis charum depoſitura caput.
Nunc tumulus gelidos mæſtus tibi comprimit artus,
Nuper in amplexu qui caluere meo.
Jam torus eſt pulvis, thalamus jam triſte ſepulchrum,
Jam pro me conjux eſt tibi vermis edax.
Diſce meo miſeri caſu ſapienter amare,
Securum nimio ne premat atra dies.
Forſitan (avertat miſerum *DEUS* optimus omen,
Nec tibi tam dirum tam tibi triſte canam)
Dum blandis conjux dilecta amplexibus hæret,
Jam matura rogo eſt, jam moritura jacet.
Ah! potius videas canos albere capillos,
Et *Stellæ* frontem ruga ſenilis aret.
Ah! potius placidi ſit amoris longior æſtas,
Seraque diſcidii flebilis adſit hyems.

Per

Per vitæ tacitas, ubi pax bona remigat, undas,
Sorbet ubi fragilem nulla vorago ratem,
Præruptis procul a ſcopulis elapſa doloris
Conficiat lætum tuta phaſelus iter.
At me, quem mediis luctantem videris undis,
Quem procul a portu turbida jactat hyems,
Fac longè effugias; non eſt ſpes ulla ferendi
Naufragio auxilii, nulla futura ſalus.
Gaudia cur autem noſtris tua turbo querelis?
Da veniam miſero: deſino triſte loqui.
Molle merum, quo jam felix rubet amphora promas:
Si vivo et valeo, mox tuus hoſpes ero.
Cratera ingentem profer cyathoſque capaces,
Merſa erit ingenuo ferrea cura mero.
Monte ſuo *Alpinus* mihi fac deſcendat amicus,
Et ſecum riſus inde ſaleſque ferat.

Dulce ſodalitium curarum mollit amara,
Et læta uvarum purpura lenit onus.
Jamque fatigatis animiſque et pollice, *Iule*,
Clauſa erit aſſueto littera noſtra vale.

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EPISTOLA TERTIA

Ad POSTHUMUM QUINTILIANUM.

POSTHUME, de ſociis longè cariſſime noſtris,
Quem mihi perpetuo fœdere ſacra fides,
Quem fraternus amor, quem ſolvi neſcia veræ
Junxit amicitiæ vis, animique pares,
Ad te confectus curâ excruciante recurro;
Nec tamen auxilium tu mihi ferre potes.
Quod potes, adde precor noſtris tua, *Poſthume*, vota,
Fortiter ut ſanâ triſtia mente feram:

Fortiter

Fortiter ut miſeris diſcam ſubmittere rebus,
Atque O! deliciis poſſe carere meis.
Et careo et vivo, ſi vitam dicere poſſis,
Maxima cum vitæ pars ſit adempta meæ:
Si vita eſt vano fletu, miſeroque dolore
Tardè obrepentes dimidiare dies:
Si vita eſt, vitæ cum mortua quæque voluptas,
Cum mihi ſit, raptâ conjuge, raptus amor.
Solus amor vita eſt, cœli dulciſſima proles:
Solus largitur gaudia ſolus amor.
Solus amor vitæ curas varioſque labores
Lenit: ſolus amor vivere velle docet.
Me miſerum quondam hoſpes amor nunc deſerit exul,
Quàque fugit conjux impiger iſte fugit.
Exule et hoc, habitant ſolæ mea corda querelæ:
Delicias raptas, fataque dura queror:

Neſcius

Neſcius heu! quid agam, temerè queror omnia demens,
Quodque magè infelix, ipſa querela nocet.
Nocte diem exopto, curâ removente ſoporem,
Luce datâ, clamo, nox, precor, alma, veni:
Utraque mæſta venit miſero, lachrymiſque madeſcunt
Sole oriente meæ, ſole cadente, genæ.
Hanc tibi dicto miſer, mi *Poſthume*, menſe Novembri,
Quo mihi non menſis gratior ullus adeſt.
Non mihi nunc etenim Zephirorum lenior aura,
Sed diri Boreæ vis animoſa placet.
Jam pluvios audire juvat, ventoſque ſonantes:
Conveniunt ſorti triſtia ſola meæ.
Nunc lachrymis mæſto datur indulgere ſolutis,
Quæ magis hybèrno largiter imbre cadunt.
Dum cœlum involvunt nubes, triſteſque tenebræ,
Atrior in noſtro pectore regnat hyems.

Ut tamen assuescam lætis, quod, *Posthume*, suades,
Non animo requies ulla futura meo est.
Jam lætum me contristat, dolor ipsa voluptas:
Mens tormenta, etiam cum foveatur, habet.
Musica cum cytharæ dulcis jam personet aures,
Hei mihi! lætitiâ discruciante fruor.
Cum festis ridet formosa puella choreis,
Et juveni trepidam tendit amica manum,
Sollicitat lachrymas lætos vidisse coactas,
Dum calet in memori pectore prisca Venus.
Cum petit amplexus *Catharinula* cara paternos,
Et nectit parvas ad mea colla manus,
Illius in vultu materna resurgit imago,
Dum fixa invito lumina rore madent.
Sæpius *Hantonicos* etiam visurus amicos,
Dum notum luctu prosequor æger iter,

Dilectæ valles, campique hic inde patentes,
Eliciunt lachrymas rura beata novas.
Hoc natale ſolum *Catharinæ* uxorius inquam,
Hæc eſt lætitiis terra notanda meis.
Hic ego ſum primos olim confeſſus amores,
Hic dextram, hic animos, hic dedit illa fidem.
Hic bonus *Eurytion*, hic vixit *Seſtius* hoſpes,
Quò mihi jucundi tot micuere dies.
Hoc olim quoties, *Catharina*, erravimus horto,
Dum ſuaves inter ſuavior ipſa roſas!
Non ſacro *Edenæ* quondam felicior horto,
Cum nil non lætum, nil niſi dulce fuit,
Humani generis pater ipſe erravit *Adamus*,
Dum dilecta comes texerat *Eva* latus!
Torqueor heu! quoties campanæ turribus altis
Pulſatæ lætis perſonuere modis.

Lætitiæ ſonus hic, inquam tibi, candida *Chlori*,
Læta tenes carum quæ modò nupta virum.
Sic ah! ſic olim campanæ turribus altis
Lætitias ſonitu concelebrâre meas!
Vix lachrymas teneo, cum ſacras ædis ad aras,
Me coram *Corydon Phillida* ducit amans.
Dum dextram dextrâ complectitur illius ille,
Unus fiatis vix mea lingua tremit.
At quali at quantâ tumidum jecur ardeat irâ,
(Proh ſcelus infandum! proh violata fides!)
Cum juvenis ſacri captus fulgoribus auri,
Ad templa obſcænam ducit avarus anum!
Crimine quid tanto dignum ſperare licebit?
Quis vindex læſi ſævus amoris erit?
Frigidus in gelidis hyemet ſine fine lacertis,
Inque ſepulchrali mæreat uſque toro.

Per

Per noſtros juro, *Catharina* fidelis, amores,
Per ſanctam juro, flebilis umbra, fidem,
Divitiis memet, quas totus continet orbis,
Amplexus longè præpoſuiſſe tuos.
Heu! breve quam ſpatium nobis, *Catharina*, dabatur?
Ah! citò triſtitiæ lurida venit hyems!
Haud ita, nos unâ nam ſæcula viximus horâ,
Nec vacuum in vitâ noſter habebat amor.
O! utinam ingenium dulces æquaret amores!
O! ſi deliciis par mea Muſa foret!
Carmine nec *Popio*, nec *Swifto* cedere vellem,
Shakeſpearus victas et daret ipſe manus.
Verſibus æternis, mea tum *Catharina*, vigeres,
Nec famâ mulier te prior ulla foret.
Te ſolam canerem, ſolam, dilecta, ſonarem
Te fide dulciſonâ, te trepidante lyra,

Ad tumulum mecum tua dum descendit imago,
Musaque, me demum morte tacente, tacet.
Cederet et *Stellæ* memorabile carmine nomen,
Cederet *Opheliæ* tum, *Catharina*, tuo.
Contendant alii bellis extendere famam,
Et decoret magnum palma relata ducem,
Divitiis locuples nitidoque superbiat ostro,
Magnaque constructas fama sequatur opes:
Sola mea ambitio est *Hymenæi* vivere fastis,
Cum cineri uxoris sit mea mista cinis:
Dici is quem gremio mulier pulcherrima fovit,
Et solâ amplexu diripienda nece.
Dent aliis tituli magnum et memorabile nomen,
Æternet nostrum connubialis amor.
Non est carminibus priscorum illustris amator,
Qui magis est nymphæ captus amore suæ.

Non

Non tibi, blande *Orpheu*, conjux fidiſſime, cedam,
Quem tulit ad manes *Eurydiceus* amor.
Non tibi, *Leander*, quem quondam *Seſtia* conjux
Per tumidas media nocte ferebat aquas.
Non tibi cara magis *Thyſbe* tua, Pyrame, vixit,
Non tibi, *Adoni*, *Venus*, quam *Catharina* mihi.
Non *Veneri*, *Eurydice*, aut *Herc.* fuit illa ſecunda,
Nec *Thyſbe*, forma, moribus, ore, fide.
Quot fruſtrà juvenes ſuſpiravere puellam,
Promiſſam thalamis, *Quintiliane*, meis!
Quis decor in vultu, quæ pulchræ gratia formæ!
Quam viſa inceſſu eſt alliciente dea!
Quam mite ingenium, quam dulcis et alma loquela!
Dulcior alloquiis, blanda *Thalia*, tuis!
Vitâ egomet cunctos longè præcurrere viſus
Heu! nimium lætâ ſorte ſuperbus eram.

Gaudia

Gaudia conjugio plusquam mortalia rebar
Carpere, deliciis ebrius usque novis,
Insana ambitio procul abfuit, et sitis auri;
Talia lætitiis inferiora meis.
Divitias, titulosque, et cætera inania risi,
Conjuge sat felix, dives amore satis.
Nunc me mendicus locupletior ipse misellus,
Qui querulo fractos obsecrat ore cibos,
Ipse licet flavas, quas congerit *India*, gazas,
Celatasque habeam, quas tenet æquor, opes,
Aut quas aurifluis volvit *Pactolus* in undis,
Direptâ misero conjuge, pauper ero.
Jam solis dives lachrymis, mœstisque querelis:
His opibus, lethi tempus aduscque fruar.
Quid queror, aut quæ nunc animos insania vexat?
Mens mea divinæ religione caret.

Est

Eſt *DEUS*, eſt pietas, eſt denique meta laborum:
Speras? ſit firmâ ſpes manifeſta fide.
Credis? læta fides lachrymas exſiccet inanes:
Triſtis es? en! miſeris certa parata quies.
Religio hæc loquitur: pacato pectore condam,
Victaque erit plenâ cuncta querela fide.
Fortior ad curas ero, *Quintiliane*, ferendas,
Nam tabulis animi ſæcla futura nitent.
Vive, vale, noſtro cariſſime *Poſthume* cordi,
Inque tuo vivam pectore, ut ipſe meo.

FINIS.

Et DEUS, ut pietas, ut denique meta laborum:
Speras? ut firmâ fides manifesta fide.
Credis? lata fides lachrymas exficcet inanes:
Triftis es? en! mileris certa parata quies.
Religio hæc lopitur: pacato pectore coudam,
Vidaque erit plenâ cuncta querela fide.
Portior ad curas ero, Quintiliane, ferendas,
Nam tabulis animi facta futura mitet.
Vive, vale, noftro semper Pylæmne cordi,
Inque tuo vivam pectore, ut ipfe meo.

FINIS.